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## Leaky roof, unkempt yard, crumbling ceiling — it is a wonder these residential quarters for police on RK Mutt Road still exist. But it is home to a few families who live in fear

# TUMBLEDOWN EFFECT

### Plan is to demolish old building and make new quarters for police officials

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Residential quarters for police on RK Mutt Road at Halasuru have become not only an eyesore for the public, but also dangerous for the inmates. The very existence of these quarters that are in a dilapidated condition is against the norms. Most of the residential quarters are vacant and there is no safety for families who still reside at these quarters.

The police personnel who are residing at these quarters cannot afford to complain to higher authorities about the pathetic condition of the quarters. And the higher authorities' apathy is evident as so far, the only action they have taken is to send a proposal to Karnataka Police Housing Corporation Limited.

"It is scary for me to enter the bathroom. Plaster fell off from the ceiling a few months ago. The rusty steel bars are visible. We have complained about the condition of the bathroom but nothing has been done to fix it. As for the condition of the kitchen, it too is pitiable. Water leaks from the ceiling whenever it rains," said a home-maker residing at the police quarters

One can see well-grown weeds on the vacant space between the compound wall and the structure of the residential quarters.

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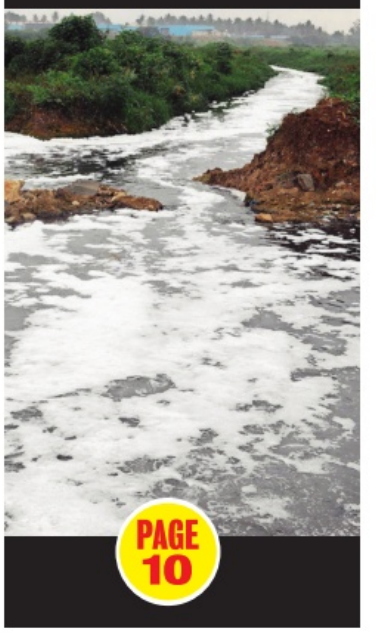
## STAFF CRUNCH

Ecologists raise alarm as nearly 60% of the total sanctioned staff posts in state pollution control board remains unoccupied



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## 2 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Yakshagana performance

Prepare yourself for an evening unlike any other by watching a timeless tradition in a whole new light with 'Yakshagana Unexpected: Live.' Experience this 500-year-old traditional theatre from Karnataka like never before, with a vibrant performance by Yakshagana artist Pavan and his troupe from Udupi. Dance, music, drama, and storytelling—all in one unforgettable evening. **Where: New BEL Road Social; When: September 15, 5 pm to 7 pm**

### 02 Womanhood, citizenship and more

Join in for the launch of Rochelle Potkar's book, "Coins In Rivers" and for a discussion on poetry, womanhood, citizenry, and our place in the world at Atta Galatta. As sensuous as it is articulate, Coins in Rivers is a deep meditation on womanhood, motherhood, and citizenship. Rochelle Potkar is a prize-winning poet, author, and screenwriter based in Mumbai. She will be in conversation with Bangalore-based poet Poornima Laxmeshwar. **Where: Atta Galatta; When: September 14, 7 pm**

## Celebrating harmony and rhythm of dance

**Nrithya Samanvay, a captivating festival celebrating the art of dance, was organised by Sohini Bose Banerjee, Baneeta Nag, and Jyothishree EK. The event highlighted the harmony and rhythm of various dance forms, featuring an enchanting blend of Odissi, Kathak, and Mohiniattam, showcasing both talent and tradition.**

**Retro rides**
The vintage car auto-show collection of D Veerendra Heggade, a philanthropist and the hereditary administrator of the Dharmasthala Temple, showcased at Palace Grounds on Friday in Bengaluru. You can see more images on our Instagram page by scanning this QR code

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# PU dept ensures questions match prescribed syllabus

## Exam authorities are instructed to take cautious approach to 'no out of syllabus questions' in II PU, CET exams this year

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The Pre-University (PU) Department is now taking a cautious approach following its past mistakes. Last year, students and parents criticised the government due to 'tough' questions in the second PU and Common Entrance Test (CET) that were not part of the prescribed syllabus. To address this, this year, the authorities have instructed question paper setters to strictly adhere to the syllabus.

Sources said that the previous issue arose from a lack of coordination between the PU Department and the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA). In response, the government formed a committee to investigate, acknowledged the error, and ensured that questions outside the syllabus were removed from evaluation. The KEA and Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) have now issued a warning to prevent such mistakes in future II PU exams and have emphasised strict adherence to the syllabus.

An official said, "While preparing question papers, the setters may include new questions alongside those from textbooks and question banks for each chapter, provided that the conceptual approach remains consistent with the syllabus. Questions outside the prescribed syllabus are strictly prohibited, though modifications to alphanumeric values in the syllabus are allowed. However, Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) questions can be selected from any chapter within the syllabus and placed in any section of the question paper. Each model question paper must follow the blueprints provided for the subject, though these blueprints may vary for different question papers on the same subject."

File photo of a protest in front of KEA over 'out of syllabus' questions asked in CET

### II PU exam timings cut short by 15 mins

Meanwhile, the KSEAB shortened the II PU exam duration by 15 minutes, making it 2 hours and 45 minutes. Students will still have an additional 15 minutes for reading and understanding the questions, as previously practiced during examinations. An official said, "Written exams were previously conducted for 100 marks per subject. Starting from the academic year 2023-24, marks will be allocated separately for practical exams and internal assessments, reducing the marks for written exams. Despite this, the exam duration was not adjusted. For subjects like Electronics, Computer Science, Home Science, Physics, and Chemistry, written exams will now be conducted for 70 marks if practical exams are included and 80 marks if practical exams are not included."

### Ensuring fair fees in nursing colleges

Meanwhile, the fee regulatory committee has continued its raids on colleges that have been charging fees beyond the course fee for BSc nursing students in the state. According to the committee's major directive, private nursing colleges must admit students who have secured seats through CET counselling without demanding any additional fees under any circumstances. This measure represents a bold step towards protecting students from financial exploitation and unnecessary pressure during the admission process.

Overall, there are 800 General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) colleges in the state, with 615 of them offering BSc nursing courses. This year, 75 colleges have been barred from admissions, and around 112 new nursing colleges have applied to begin admissions.

An official said that private nursing colleges often impose various types of fees when students come through CET, forcing them to forfeit their government seats. Subsequently, these colleges offer these seats to other students at higher rates. The committee has already issued a circular regarding such fees. "We will forward any complaints we receive about this matter to the committee. A judge has been appointed as the chairman of this process. Actions have already been taken to cancel the admissions of two colleges. The Medical Education Directorate has instructed Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences to not allow admissions for the AY 2024-25 for these two colleges. Additionally, a committee meeting will be held on September 17 to review the basic facilities of nursing colleges."

# Stay alert: Crooks are on 'golden' hunt

## City police seize 800 gm of stolen valuables worth ₹1 crore in 3 cases

Theft cases raise concerns over the safety of valuables in homes

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With a surge in gold theft cases across Bengaluru, the city police have successfully seized nearly 800 grammes of gold, valued at Rs 1 crore, in three separate cases over the past few weeks. This uptick in theft cases has raised concerns about the safety of valuables in homes and sparked a series of swift police operations to track down culprits involved in these high-value heists. Authorities are intensifying efforts to curb the alarming trend as they work to recover stolen property and bring offenders to justice.

### Cases in detail

Following a complaint on September 3, Whitefield police nabbed a houseworker and recovered stolen valuables worth Rs 53.50 lakh: 13 gm of diamonds, 570 gm of gold ornaments, and 470 gm of silver. The police traced the accused in Gandhipura, near Omshakti Temple in Whitefield, within 24 hours as the accused attempted to flee to Bihar with the stolen items. The accused is now in custody, and an investigation is underway.

**Surge in theft cases has raised concerns about safety of valuables in homes, sparked series of swift police operations to track down culprits involved**

In another gold theft case, Hanumanthanagar police arrested two individuals for stealing and seized 470 gm of gold valuables worth Rs 31.10 lakh. The incident occurred in the early hours of May 22 when the complainant left a gold chain unattended. Following a detailed investigation, police apprehended the two suspects near Srinagar bus station on August 30, recovering 20 gm of gold and a two-wheeler used in the crime.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to not only this theft but also to previous crimes. They revealed that they had sold stolen valuables to financial companies in Mysuru, jewellery shops in Mandya district, and friends in Srinagar. Police then recovered an additional 144 gm of gold from various jewellery shops in Mysuru and associates of the accused.

In yet another case of house burglary, Bydarahalli police arrested a suspect and seized 300 gm of gold, 1 kg of silver, and other items worth Rs 20 lakh. The complainant had filed a report on October 10, 2023, stating that their son was tricked by the accused posing as a dish repairer who claimed that the boy's father had sent him to enter into their house. Distracting the boy's attention, the accused broke into a cupboard and stole 15 gm of gold, 460 gm of silver ornaments, and Rs 35,000 in cash.

Despite extensive investigations over 10 months, the police were initially unable to find any substantial leads. However, on August 11, they apprehended the suspect near the NICE Road Kodigehalli bridge. During interrogation, the accused admitted to the crime and revealed that the stolen gold had been sold to jewellery shops in Laggere and Indiranagar.

# Inspector suspended over Mandya riots

Police Inspector Ashok Kumar has been suspended for dereliction of duty following the recent riots in Badri Koppalu village in Nagamangala town in Mandya district, where stone-pelting incidents occurred during a Ganesha procession.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi stated that the area near the mosque was a sensitive location that required more security. The failure to deploy sufficient forces is seen as a key reason for the clashes, leading to Kumar's suspension.

In connection with the riots, 17 First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered, and three more arrests have been made, bringing the total number of accused to 55.

### 40 protestors detained

Meanwhile, members of Hindu organisations protested in Bengaluru near Town Hall on Friday against the Mandya violence, bringing a Ganesha idol with them. The police detained 40 protestors and confiscated the idol, attempting to prevent any escalation of tensions. **–BMB**

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# Cauvery water supply awaits 'govt go-ahead'

## BWSSB finishes water project for 110 villages but faces delays from land disputes and pending approvals

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In Kengeri, 250-metre pipeline stretch remains unfinished despite a court order to complete it in three months

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board had earlier announced that it would supply water to 110 villages around Bengaluru under Cauvery's fifth stage by August 20. However, as of September, these areas have still not received water. Sources indicate that the Cauvery Fifth Stage project is encountering additional delays.

The project, which involves transporting Cauvery water from Torekadanahalli (TK halli) in Malavalli taluk, a distance of 95 km from Bengaluru, has been completed. However, the government continues to delay water supply to the residents of 110 villages, who have been waiting for Cauvery water for 15 years. According to the plan, the water supply should have begun by March 2023, but the deadline has been extended by a year and a half. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar had promised to provide water to these villages by August 20, yet the delay persists.

Sources said that in 2017, the estimated cost of the Cauvery 5th Stage project was approved, and a loan of Rs.4,661 crore was obtained from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The state government and the BWSSB are each responsible for contributing Rs.444.50 crore towards the project. Initially, the project was scheduled to be completed by March 2023, but due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline was extended to December. The final deadline was set for March 2024, but with 25% of the work still pending, the BWSSB aimed to complete the project by June 2025. However, due to the workers leaving for their home states during the Lok Sabha elections, the completion was further delayed. The work has now been finished, and the water supply is expected to begin by the first week of August.

Locals have raised concerns that disputes over land acquisition could delay the water supply further. For instance, in Kengeri, work on laying the pipeline has not been completed in a 250-metre stretch of Survey No 47. Despite the court ordering the completion of the work within three months, the work is yet to begin. This could potentially delay the project, locals suspect.

Sources said that pipeline work near the Kengeri Metro and bus stop, along the road leading to Kodipalya, has been halted for two years due to a dispute over land ownership involving Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and others. The court ruled on the matter on July 9, ordering BBMP to deposit Rs.2.86 lakh as compensation to the landowners, after which it approved the pipeline installation. The court has clearly instructed that the work should be completed within three months. Responding to this, a BWSSB official stated that the halt in one section of the work will not affect water supply elsewhere. He assured that the board has made arrangements to divert water to other areas as needed.

> **"Water has already reached Lingadheeranahalli, once the government gives approval, the water supply will commence** – Ram PMV, BWSSB

BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar V said, "Regarding the Cauvery 5th Stage project, the BWSSB has completed its part and is now awaiting government approval. Water has already reached Lingadheeranahalli, and once the government gives the go-ahead after its review, the water supply will commence."

## Traffic restrictions announced for Ganesha Immersion and Eid Milad celebrations

In anticipation of the Surana Ganesha immersion event on September 15, at Halasuru Lake Kalyani, Bengaluru Traffic Police have issued a traffic advisory with key restrictions and diversions. Over 100 Ganesha idols from different parts of the city are expected to be immersed, and traffic modifications will be in place from 12 pm to 12 am under Pulakeshinagar and Shivajinagar Traffic Police Station limits.

File photo of Ganesha Immersion

Kensington Road will see two-way traffic restricted to one-way, allowing vehicles to move only from MEG towards Kensington-Murphy Road Junction. Annaswamy Mudaliar Road will also be restricted to one-way traffic, with vehicles allowed to travel from Halasuru Lake towards Thiruvalluvar Statue Junction. Several roads, including Seppings Road, Thimmaiah Road, Narayana Pillay Street, Kamaraj Road, and Sivanna Chetty Garden Road, will be closed to all vehicular traffic.

For those affected by the restrictions, alternative routes have been arranged. Vehicles travelling from Kensington Road towards Halasuru Lake must detour via Gurudwara Junction, Gangadhara Chetty Road, and Dickenson Road. Similarly, vehicles from Thiruvalluvar Statue Junction should follow Gangadhara Chetty Road and Dickenson Road to reach Halasuru Lake. Traffic towards Bharatinagar and Shivajinagar has also been rerouted via Haynes Junction and Bambu Bazar Junction.

### Eid traffic guidelines

As the city prepares for Eid Milad celebrations, police officials have announced a set of guidelines to ensure peaceful processions and minimal disruption to public life. Thousands of Muslim devotees will gather at prominent locations, including the YMCA. Maidan on Nrupathunga Road, Miller Road Khuddusab Idda Maidan, and Shivajinagar Chhota Maidan celebrate the festival with prayers, processions, and decorated vehicles.

Traffic will be restricted on key routes, including the stretch from Netaji Junction via Pottery Circle towards Tannery Road, and on Haynes Road between Netaji Junction and Haines Junction. Additionally, MM Road will temporarily operate as a one-way road, allowing traffic only from Netaji Junction towards Mask Junction, while partial restrictions will be in place from Nagawara Junction to Pottery Circle. — BMB

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### Footpath collapse
**Hesaraghatta Road**

A section of the footpath has collapsed on Hesaraghatta Road, near the Saptagiri Institution of Medical Science, posing a serious risk to pedestrians.

### Dump zone
**Austin Town**

Trash accumulates heavily along the road at Austin Town, near Bettappa Garden and Corporation Park, creating an unsightly and hazardous environment.

### Garbage spread
**Kaval Bairasandra**

Garbage covers a 100-metre stretch of Ambedkar Medical College Road in Kaval Bairasandra, revealing a significant lapse in civic responsibility.

# HC has had enough of bunch of mudslinging politicians

## Court points to piling up of defamation suites filed by various political parties

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The High Court of Karnataka observed on Thursday that there seems to be a trend of politicians engaging in personal attacks against each other, as evidenced by the numerous petitions related to defamation proceedings filed by leaders of various political parties.

"Of course, the issues are in the political arena but what is happening is individual mudslinging by political party leaders and members of all political parties, it is a lot of non-stop mudslinging against each other and washing dirty linen in public," Justice M Nagaprasanna remarked during the hearing of petitions filed by former MLA Suresh Gowda and MLA Pradeep Eshwar, challenging defamation suits initiated by Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy and former MP Pratap Simha, respectively.

The High Court is witnessing a significant number of petitions, with around ten cases related to defamation filed by political leaders against each other being heard every week. Justice Nagaprasanna highlighted that the situation would be different if the comments were directed against political parties, but in many instances, it is individual mudslinging.

In response to the observations, one of the advocates representing a petitioner-political leader jokingly mentioned that lawyers are pleased with the high number of defamation cases. Another advocate suggested that many of these politicians might not have used such language against each other if they had better command over the Kannada language.

### HC rejects relief for visually impaired admission

The Karnataka High Court has dismissed a petition filed by a 19-year-old girl, Disha Bhat, who sought to be considered under the visually impaired quota for admission. The petitioner claimed to have a visual impairment of more than 40% and requested the court to direct the Karnataka Examination Authority to accept her candidature under the reserved category.

The division bench, comprising Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice Vijaykumar A Patil, noted that the Ocular Examination report, prepared by a collegium of three expert ophthalmologists, stated that the petitioner's visual disability is 0% with a 6/18 vision in both eyes. The bench emphasised that the report was prepared following the proper protocol, and there were no allegations of malafide against the experts.

The court stated, "Judges who ordinarily lack such expertise have to show due deference to the learned and experienced, in the respective domains. The impugned Report partakes the character of expert opinion as contemplated under Section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872."

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>
> –Justice M Nagaprasanna

The petitioner contended that she had obtained reports from other experts supporting her claim of visual disability. However, the court rejected this argument, stating that seeking multiple expert opinions would only lead to confusion and chaos in the litigation process. The bench stressed the importance of drawing a line and stopping at a certain point.

Recognising the statutory recognition enjoyed by the collegium of experts that issued the impugned report, the court said, "A Writ Court too in matters like this cannot run a race of opinions with the experts. An argument to the contrary if accepted would lay a wrong precedent that may breed more mischief outweighing the justice arguably due to the litigant." Consequently, the court dismissed the petition, refusing to grant relief to the petitioner.

# Man jailed for crime he didn't commit

## Individual is wrongfully detained and faces false charges; court discharges him after finding police procedural errors

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The situation involving Murali R, an employee at a Public Relations Company in Indiranagar, resembles a scene from a crime drama. On December 22, 2022, while Murali was engaged in professional discussions at the PR office, two policemen from DJ Halli Police Station arrived at the location seeking him.

"I was surprised to see two policemen at the office. Upon identifying myself as Murali, they asked that I step outside to discuss some matters. As soon as I exited, the policemen insisted that I accompany them to the DJ Halli Police Station," recalls Murali.

"I was confused as to why the policemen were taking me to DJ Halli Police Station instead of the Banaswadi Police Station, which is the jurisdictional station for my area. As soon as we arrived, they produced a packet of drugs and pressured me to confess to selling or assisting drug peddlers. I refused to comply, as I had never been involved in such activities. Later, the police made me sit in a dark room at the station for two hours. One of the constables recorded my residential details. Subsequently, they took me to a private hospital for a medical checkup, rather than a government hospital. Despite objections from my parents and relatives, their concerns were not addressed. After the medical checkup, the police allowed me to go home. They did not ask me to come to the police station for further investigation. I continued to go to my workplace in Indiranagar. However, three policemen came to my home at Chikka Banaswadi on October 12, 2023, stating that I am under arrest as per the court order," recalls Murali.

The police produced him in the Court of the XXXIII Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge & Special Judge (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances). Murali came to know that the honourable court had issued a non-bailable warrant against him for absconding. "I pleaded before the honourable judge that I did not abscond and was going to work all these days. I produced my attendance report to the honourable judge who allowed me to avail the bail and attend the proceedings in the court," Murali said.

After reviewing the documents and evidence presented by the police and considering the arguments from the public prosecutor, the honourable judge issued an order on March 30, 2024, to discharge Murali from the case. The judge noted that Murali had never absconded and had consistently attended his duties. Furthermore, the police had not visited Murali's residence after May 3, 2023, until his arrest on October 12, 2023, and no notice under Section 41A of the Cr.PC had been issued to him.

"The investigating agency has not made any attempts to secure the accused and record his statement. Furthermore, the detailed address of the present accused (Murali) is not stated by accused No 1. It is astonishing to note why the investigating agency had not taken any steps to secure the present accused during the investigation," the court order read.

Murali has complained to the Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and State Human Rights Commission seeking suitable action against those responsible for taking him into custody illegally.

# Harohalli is hot favourite for property investment

In recent years, Kanakapura Road especially near Harohalli has emerged as one of the most sought-after locales for property investment in Bengaluru. This transformation is driven by a combination of strategic location benefits, burgeoning real estate developments, and significant infrastructural upgrades.

Several factors contribute to this growing popularity. "Firstly, Kanakapura Road offers a strategic position, connecting key areas like Jayanagar, Banashankari, and other prominent neighbourhoods. Its proximity to established commercial hubs and educational institutions makes it a prime location for families and professionals alike. Secondly, compared to other major roads, property prices on Kanakapura Road have traditionally been more affordable. Thirdly, the road has seen a surge in residential projects, including luxury apartments, gated communities, and independent houses. Alongside, there is a steady growth in commercial developments, including shopping malls, offices, and entertainment centres, enhancing the area's appeal. Fourthly, Kanakapura Road is known for its relatively green surroundings and less congested environment compared to the city's core areas," said Devaraj Gowda, a realtor.

The burgeoning popularity of Kanakapura Road is further fueled by substantial infrastructure improvements, which are transforming the area into a modern, well-connected urban corridor. Noteworthy among these developments are the new bypasses at Harohalli and Kanakapura. The Harohalli Bypass is a critical infrastructure development aimed at easing traffic congestion and improving connectivity. This new bypass is strategically designed to divert heavy traffic away from the main residential areas, thereby reducing travel time and enhancing road safety. The Kanakapura Bypass is another significant development that enhances connectivity along Kanakapura Road. The bypass is expected to boost property values by making the area more accessible and reducing the impact of traffic-related issues on residential neighbourhoods.

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Naveen Kumar, a realtor said, "The infrastructure developments along Kanakapura Road have significantly impacted the real estate market. First, the enhanced accessibility provided by these bypasses will greatly improve the ease with which residents can travel to other parts of Bengaluru." He added that with these infrastructure improvements, property values along Kanakapura Road are likely to see a rise. "For investors, Kanakapura Road presents an attractive opportunity for long-term gains," said Kumar. . **–Prakash VL**

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# Bengaluru leads in office space demand

Bengaluru continues to reinforce its position as India's leading hub for office space demand, a trend strongly reflected in the latest report by real estate consultant Knight Frank India. The report highlights that 55% of the total office space transactions across the top eight cities during the first half of 2024 were for spaces up to one lakh square feet, demonstrating robust demand from smaller companies, startups, and third-party service providers. This shift toward more flexible and mid-sized workspaces reflects the evolving needs of businesses, particularly those in sectors like IT services, which have a strong foothold in Bengaluru.

The total office space leased in the sub-1 lakh square feet category stood at 11.7 million square feet from January to June 2024, underscoring the growing preference for smaller, adaptable spaces. Startups, which thrive in Bengaluru's vibrant innovation ecosystem, and small businesses are the primary drivers of this demand. Flexible workspaces have emerged as a vital segment in the commercial real estate market, offering companies the ability to scale operations efficiently while minimising costs. For these companies, especially those in their growth phases, flexible offices provide the infrastructure they need without long-term commitments.

However, it's not just smaller businesses that are driving Bengaluru's office space demand. The data also showed that larger office spaces accounted for 45% of the total leasing transactions across the eight cities. During this period, 15.69 million square feet of large office spaces were leased, indicating that major corporations and multinational companies are continuing to invest in expansive workspaces. Much of this demand is attributed to Global Capability Centres (GCCs), established by multinational corporations to manage a wide range of operations, including IT, customer support, and R&D, for global markets.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director of Knight Frank India, emphasised that Bengaluru remains the most attractive market for large occupiers, particularly for those looking to establish or expand their GCCs. "Bengaluru is leading the charge in office space demand, largely due to the rise of GCCs, which are playing a pivotal role in shaping the office market landscape," he said. Baijal also pointed out that GCCs have been instrumental in driving up demand for large office spaces as these corporations seek to set up long-term operations in India, leveraging the city's talented workforce and strong infrastructure.

Office space Carlton Towers in B'luru

A realtor said, "The city's ability to attract and retain multinational corporations is rooted in its well-established ecosystem of technology and innovation, supported by a large pool of skilled professionals. Bengaluru has long been regarded as the Silicon Valley of India, with many global tech giants operating their largest Indian offices in the city. The rise in office space transactions signals that corporations view Bengaluru as a key strategic location for their global operations, particularly in the post-pandemic world, where hybrid work models and an increased reliance on technology have reshaped business needs. The flexibility to expand or contract workspaces based on immediate needs is an attractive proposition for companies navigating market uncertainties or scaling rapidly." Another expert said that this trend is being driven by sustained interest from international and domestic occupiers who are looking for strategic locations.

"The sustained demand for office spaces in Bengaluru is expected to continue, supported by the city's growing prominence as a global hub for innovation and technology. The city's ability to cater to the needs of both startups and global corporations alike ensures that it will remain a key player in India's commercial real estate sector," the report added.

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# K-100 project to stop receiving sewage water flow, STP set up

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With allegations of delayed work in the K-100 project, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said that efforts are underway to completely halt wastewater flow. A five MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has been set up near Kumbaragundi to purify the water in the stormwater drain, and nature-based solutions are being employed to treat the remaining sewage. An Israeli firm has been appointed to guide the implementation of wastewater treatment solutions for the K-100 valley.

A BBMP official said, "Their innovative methods are designed to treat and process sewage, facilitating the flow of clean water. The use of nature-based solutions offers a modern, energy-efficient, and cost-effective approach for pollution reduction. The BBMP has initiated the K-100 (Urban Waterway) project with the aim of enhancing open drains, tackling air pollution, boosting social and economic conditions, and developing public utility spaces. This project involves the Koramangala Stormwater Drain (K-100), a 9.2 km stretch from KR Market to Bellandur Lake, which is being developed with a Rs 175 crore grant from the state government. Progress has been notable, with the flow in the drain reduced from 120 MLD (Million Litres per Day) to 05-08 MLD. The K-100 project is nearing completion, with concrete rings and plant species installed to absorb incoming sewage water, effectively using "flower rings" as a nature-based solution. Additionally, a 15 MLD Intermediate Sewage Pumping Station (ISPS) is under construction to prevent wastewater from entering the stormwater drain, with completion expected by the end of the year."

At the project's mock-up site, a science park is being developed by Param Institute to educate children about science. Significant advancements include the completion of retaining walls, ground-level bridges, landscaping, decorative lighting, granite installation, horticulture, pedestrian pathways, and grill installations. Bridges for pedestrian access on both sides of the drain have been completed, along with the installation of advanced transformers for electrical integration. Development work on service roads and chamber installations to manage rainwater runoff has also been finished.

### K-100 aims to transform drains from infrastructure into public spaces

"The K-100 project aims to transform stormwater drains from mere infrastructure into public spaces, reconnecting citizens with their water heritage and improving management of the drains with active citizen involvement. This has led to reduced urban flooding, better public health, and improved quality of public spaces, " said an official. The official added that coordination among 27 government departments has enhanced accountability and monitoring. "Overall, the K-100 Citizens Waterway project has improved governance and civic engagement, with enhanced accountability and a shift towards valley-centric tenders focussing on water flow. Scientific mapping and collaboration between public entities, scientific institutes, and civil society promote data-driven management practices," claimed an official.

Concrete rings & plant species installed to absorb incoming sewage water

## DID YOU KNOW?

In Portland, Oregon, in the afternoon of November 24, 1971, an unremarkable guy calling himself Dan Cooper approached the Northwest Orient Airlines desk. He purchased a one-way ticket on Flight 305, which was headed for Seattle, Washington, with cash. And so did one of the biggest unanswered mysteries in FBI history begin.
He gave the stewardess a message shortly after 3 pm, saying he had a bomb in his briefcase and asked her to sit with him. The astonished stewardess followed instructions. He then insisted that she write down what he said. She was soon carrying a fresh message demanding 200,000 dollars in twenty-dollar bills and four parachutes to the plane's captain. The hijacker traded the money and parachutes for the 36 passengers on board as the plane reached Seattle. Keeping a few crew members, Cooper ordered the jet to take off again to Mexico.
The unbelievable thing happened at a little after 8.00 pm, somewhere between Seattle and Reno, when the hijacker sprang out of the back of the plane with the ransom money and a parachute. The pilots made a safe landing, but Cooper vanished into the night, and it is still unknown what happened to him in the end.

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I have a special preference for the stage shows at Church Street on MG Road. The street performances and cultural festivals on Church Street provide a unique and immersive experience that is hard to find elsewhere.

**Punith J,** BM Reader
Rangashankara is a top-notch entertainment venue in Bengaluru. It's more than just a performance space, it's a dynamic cultural hub dedicated to theatre arts. They also have workshops and outreach programs to teach theatre.

**Ravikanth,** BM Reader
Loyola Ground BG Road is a huge ground, where a lot people come on the weekends to play tournaments and games. Different games will be held every week such as football, volleyball, basketball, cricket, kho-kho etc.

**Mahesh D,** BM Reader
Nandi Hills Ground near Nayandahalli is a popular spot for entertainment. It's known for hosting a variety of events and concerts. The ground is spacious, making it an ideal venue for large gatherings.

**Rangayya T,** BM Reader
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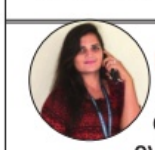

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# North B'luru to prosper with KHIRE City

Karnataka will soon witness the establishment of the country's first KHIRE City (Knowledge, Health, Innovation, and Research). This institution will be developed over a vast 2,000-acre area between Doddaballapur and Dabaspet.

The first phase of the project is set to begin on the 23rd of this month, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah laying the foundation stone. Following the concept of special cities in various countries, the 'KHIRE City' in Karnataka is being developed with international-standard infrastructure. This project is expected to attract an investment of Rs 40,000 crore and create employment opportunities for over 30,000 people.

This new addition will further enhance the prestige of Bengaluru, already a hub for esteemed institutions like the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Indian Institute of Management (IIM). KHIRE City is poised to become a new milestone in the realm of knowledge and science. A guidance board consisting of eight global experts has been formed to realise the vision of this new city.

## Priorities of KHIRE City

An official said that KHIRE City is intended to house campuses of world-class enterprises, universities, medical tourism, research institutes, and centres of innovation. It will also offer space to companies in future transportation systems, semiconductors, advanced materials, startups, aerospace, defense, space technology, life sciences, and modern technology sectors. The KHIRE City is set to develop into a global centre of excellence in various fields, including science. The project aims to strengthen Karnataka's position in the NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index and Manufacturing Innovation Index.

Road repair and pothole repair at work. (File Photo)

Realtors believe that the KHIRE City project, set to be established between Doddaballapur and Dabaspet, is poised to be a game-changer for the growth of North Bengaluru.

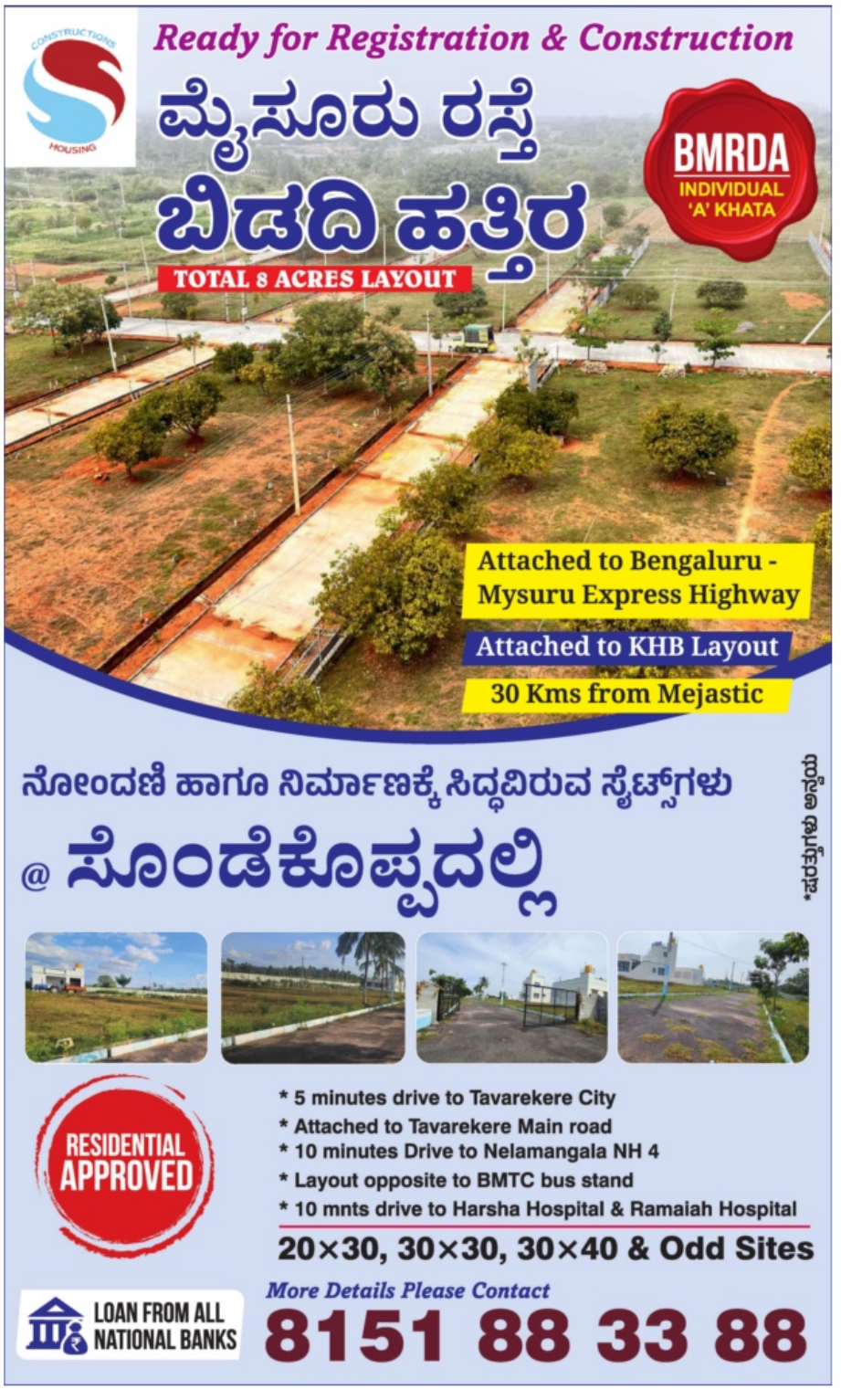
## Economic Development

Manjunath D, a real estate developer said, "As more companies and research institutions establish their presence in the area, there will be a ripple effect on the local economy, stimulating growth in various sectors. With the creation of over 30,000 jobs, the KHIRE City project will offer employment opportunities to the residents of North Bengaluru and surrounding areas."

Naveen Kumar, another real estate developer added, "The establishment of KHIRE City will necessitate the development of world-class infrastructure in North Bengaluru. This will include the construction of roads, bridges, public transportation systems, and utilities. KHIRE City will bring prestigious universities, research institutions, and global companies to North Bengaluru. Demand for residential and commercial real estate in North Bengaluru is expected to surge. The influx of professionals and businesses will drive the development of new housing projects, commercial spaces, and amenities."

## Sondekoppa, fast developing property market

Sondekoppa, once a distant village, is now seamlessly merging with Bengaluru due to rapid urban expansion. Today, it has become a prime hotspot for property investment, attracting real estate investors, homebuyers, and developers. Its strategic location near highways plays a key role in boosting its appeal. The Sondekoppa region, within Nelamangala, is particularly favoured due to its proximity to industrial areas like Peenya, Dabbaspet, and Tumakuru. "The ongoing infrastructural development, including wider roads and improved utilities, adds further value for investors. Moreover, the area's affordable land prices compared to other parts of Bengaluru make it highly attractive. With strong growth potential, Nelamangala, especially Sondekoppa, is emerging as a key destination for long-term real estate investment," said Nitya Reddy, a realtor.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# No hands to stop pollution

## 60% of total staff at State Pollution Board lies vacant, despite audit report of 2021

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There is no change for the better in the situation of vacancies in the Karnataka State Pollution Board (KSPCB), three years after the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) conducted a performance audit and revealed a acute staff shortage.

The CPCB had published a report after the audit in 2021, stating that over 56% of sanctioned posts for technical and non-technical staff in the state pollution control board were vacant. As per the audit report, while KSPCB had 682 sanctioned posts, 385 were vacant and only 297 posts were occupied.

The audit report had recommended that the SPCB hire 56 % of the total sanctioned posts lying vacant, and added that the state government should grant necessary approvals for the recruitment of regular/permanent staff required at the board.

However, today, the situation has only deteriorated.

As of March 2024, nearly 60% of the total sanctioned staff posts in KSPCB are still unoccupied. Currently, out of 723 sanctioned posts in KSPCB, 433 are lying vacant (290 occupied). The situation is dire under the scientific staff category with 73% vacancies. The total number of sanctioned posts under the scientific staff category is 142 and only 38 posts are occupied.

Similarly, while the total sanctioned posts under technical staff category is 278, 134 are vacant (48%) and 141 are occupied. The total sanctioned posts under non-technical staff category is 303 and 192 are vacant; 111 are occupied.

The information was provided in a report filed by KSPCB to the National Green Tribunal.

The Board, in its report, has also clarified that the state government has accorded permission for the recruitment of 152 posts of assistant environmental officers, assistant scientific officers, scientific assistants, law assistants, first-division assistants, and second-division assistants.

City-based ecologists say services provided by KSPCB are essential services human resource shortage has to be addressed fast. They opine that the state pollution watchdog needs major reform to ensure officials perform their duties. "The right to access to clean drinking water and clean air to breathe are fundamental to life and there is a duty on the state under Article 21 of our constitution to provide clean drinking water and fresh air to its citizens. Moreover, the country's Air and Water Acts mandate 'polluter pays' principal. How can the board make polluters pay when it is reeling under staff crunch and is not well equipped?" asked Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

According to KSPCB, the recruitment process was temporarily on hold due to the model code of conduct for Lok Sabha Elections-2024 and Karnataka MLC elections. At present the model code of conduct for the said election has ended, the recruitment process is in progress and the said process will be completed tentatively in six months.

"The model code of conduct is applicable only during elections, which is hardly for two to three months. The fact that vacancies have not been filled for nearly three years points to something sinister. While many environmental engineers are graduating every year and sitting unemployed, here we have an agency that prefers to be understaffed" said an environmentalist.

### Equipment shortage

The report submitted by KSPCB also underlines that various laboratories across the state have a shortage of equipment.

File photo of dead snails at the Ulsoor Lake

### Fill posts by April 30: NGT

The Principal bench of NGT has directed all state pollution control boards, including KSPCB, to fill up the posts lying vacant by April 30, 2025. "The Tribunal is considering the issue of filling up the vacant posts in the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and also creation of adequate infrastructure therein. A large number of posts are lying vacant in various SPCB/PCCs for long which is affecting their function and consequential lapses in monitoring," noted the tribunal in its order passed on Wednesday.

The green court has also directed SPCBs to file progress reports indicating compliance with this order at least one week before the next date of hearing, which is January 9, 2025.

## Daughter, lover arrested in case of woman's murder

A woman and her lover have been arrested for the murder of her mother in Hongasandra.

According to police, Jayalakshmi had repeatedly warned her daughter Pavitra (34) about Lavalish (28), who was a tenant in their home. On September 11, an argument broke out between Jayalakshmi and the duo. During the altercation, Lavalish allegedly strangled Jayalakshmi with a towel. Pavitra initially claimed that her mother had died after a fall in the bathroom. However, the post-mortem report indicated suffocation as the cause of death, leading to further investigation.

During interrogation, Pavitra confessed to her involvement in the murder, revealing the details of the crime. Both Pavitra and Lavalish have been arrested by Bommanahalli police and are currently in custody.

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## Auto, 2 bikes burnt in kebab cart fire incident

A fire broke out around 9 pm on Thursday, that set an auto-rickshaw and two bikes ablaze near a kebab cart by the roadside. No casualties were reported.

The incident occurred when the operator of the kebab cart attempted to change a gas cylinder, which accidentally caught fire. In a panic, the cart owner pushed the cylinder forward, causing the fire to spread rapidly to a nearby parked auto. Subsequently, two bikes parked close to the auto also caught fire and were completely burnt within minutes.

Firefighters arrived promptly at the scene and managed to extinguish the fire, preventing it from spreading further.

—BMB

# Fan murder: Judicial custody extended till Sept 17

A Bengaluru court on Friday extended the judicial custody of jailed Kannada superstar Darshan, his partner Pavithra Gowda and 15 other accused in the fan murder case till September 17.

All the accused lodged in different jails, including Darshan, who is lodged in Ballary prison, were presented to the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) through video conference. The counsel for Darshan is yet to submit the bail plea of the actor before the court.

The Bengaluru Police recently submitted a 3,991-page charge sheet to the court against Darshan, his partner, and 15 other accused in connection with the kidnap and murder of his fan Renukaswamy.

Police sources stated Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda had recommended placing CCTV cameras at the cell where Darshan is kept in Ballary prison to monitor him and avoid the recurrence of any incident of luxury treatment to him in the prison. Sources revealed that this kind of monitoring will be done for high-profile terrorists inside the prison.

Meanwhile, one Venkatachalapathy has submitted a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta against the Bengaluru Police alleging that the cops have prepared a charge sheet in favour of actor Darshan with the intention of helping him escape from the clutches of the law.

The charge sheet has 'many loopholes' and is 'weak', alleged Venkatachalapathy and lodged the complaint against the Police Commissioner B Dayananda, DCP S Girish and Vijayanagara ACP Chandan Kumar. The complainant has also alleged that in the charge sheet, it was shown that when Darshan went out from the shed, the victim Renukaswamy was alive. This is mentioned to save Darshan, the complainant has alleged.

Darshan, Pavithra Gowda, and his associates are in the dock for the gruesome murder of Darshan's fan Renukaswamy in Bengaluru on June 8. Renukaswamy was kidnapped from his hometown, Chitradurga, brought to Bengaluru, kept in a shed, and tortured to death. After he died, his body was thrown into a canal.

The incident came to light after the security personnel of a private apartment building saw the body being dragged by a pack of dogs.

—IANS

### Prajwal case hearing adjourned to Sept 19

The Karnataka High Court on Friday adjourned to September 19 the hearing into the bail plea of former MP Prajwal Revanna arrested in connection with the sex video scandal case.

The High Court bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order in this regard. The bench stated that the proceedings would take place in an open court.

The prosecution had submitted a request for in-house proceedings in the interest of the victims.

Prajwal Revanna -- grandson of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda -- has submitted a bail plea in connection with the case registered by the Holenarasipura Town police and also in separate cases filed by the CID police and Cyber Crime police against him with regard to rape and sexual harassment.

The bench had directed the counsels not to read out the names of victims and explicit facts related to the case. The SIT has submitted 2,144 pages of chargesheet against Prajwal Revanna in connection with the rape case filed by Holenarasipura Town police. —IANS

# Feeling unwell: Mixed symptoms affecting all age groups

Doctors across the city are reporting a surge in fever cases, particularly viral fevers, affecting all age groups. The rise in these cases is being attributed to seasonal changes, particularly the monsoon and frequent rainfall. The pattern of symptoms being observed has varied widely, but most patients report a high-grade fever followed by intense muscle pain lasting for several days. This distinctive pattern is being seen in both adults and children, adding to concerns about the widespread nature of these infections.

Physicians have noticed that the initial symptom in most cases is a high fever, often spiking on the first day. One doctor specialising in internal medicine explained, "In many of my patients, the fever starts off high—around 101-102°F—and can be quite alarming for the patient and their family. However, the fever tends to subside with medication, but the troubling part is what follows. After the fever, many patients experience severe muscle pain, which can last for three to four days. This pain, known as myalgia, can be so intense that it affects the patient's ability to walk or even perform basic tasks." He noted that while muscle pain is a common symptom of viral infections, this particular pattern has been more pronounced recently.

A 42-year-old professional who recently recovered from such a viral infection shared his experience. "I had a high fever that lasted for two days, and after that, the pain in my muscles was almost unbearable. I couldn't walk properly for the first couple of days, and even now, I still feel some residual discomfort. It's been more than a week since the fever first started." His doctor confirmed that this is a classic case of post-viral myalgia, where the immune system's response to the infection causes inflammation in the muscles, leading to pain.

According to healthcare experts, these viral fevers often come with additional symptoms such as gastrointestinal distress, including vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pain. "We are seeing many patients with fever accompanied by gastrointestinal symptoms, and this could be due to viremia, where the virus enters the bloodstream and causes more severe symptoms," said another physician. "While we have not yet identified a specific strain, we are continuing to monitor cases closely and conducting tests to rule out dengue and chikungunya, which are also common during monsoon."

The fluctuation in temperatures, combined with high humidity, is believed to be a contributing factor to the rise in viral infections. "When the weather shifts from hot to cold or from dry to wet, we often see an increase in outpatient cases of viral infections," a general practitioner explained. "The immune system can be weakened during these transitions, making people more susceptible to catching viruses. The key to treatment is managing the symptoms—using paracetamol to control fever, ensuring the patient stays hydrated, and encouraging plenty of rest. However, if the fever persists for more than two days or if symptoms worsen, it's important to seek medical attention immediately."

Doctors are also urging patients to avoid self-medicating and instead consult with a healthcare professional if their symptoms persist.

## Preventive Measures

Preventing the spread of viral infections is crucial, especially during the monsoon season when conditions are ripe for viruses to thrive. Doctors recommend that people take several preventive measures to protect themselves and others. "Wearing a mask when you're around someone with a cough, cold, or fever is a simple but effective way to reduce the risk of infection," said a pediatrician. "Respiratory viruses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), adenovirus, and influenza are highly contagious and can spread through droplets."

## Fever: Dos and Don'ts

Managing a viral infection properly is essential for a speedy recovery and to prevent complications. Doctors emphasize the importance of regular temperature checks and staying hydrated. "If your fever goes above 102°F and doesn't come down with basic medication, you should see a doctor," advised an infectious disease expert. "Staying hydrated is critical, so drink plenty of water, juices, and other fluids like coconut water or soups."

Rest is equally important in recovering from viral infections. "Your body needs time to fight off the virus," said one doctor. "Pushing yourself too hard can prolong the illness." While taking medication for fever is common, it's important to consult a doctor before doing so. "Avoid self-medication, particularly with antibiotics or other strong medications," one physician cautioned.

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**Dr Tarun D Javali**
HOD & Consultant – Department of Urology, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital

### Erectile Dysfunction

The causes of ED are multifactorial: aging, hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, low testosterone & psychological conditions including performance anxiety. Smoking and excessive alcohol intake can also have an adverse effect. In many cases, ED may be the first symptom of other underlying problems, including heart disease. Therefore, it is important to not neglect this issue.

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### Peyronie's Disease

This is a condition in which scar tissue (plaque) in the penis causes it to bend, curve, or lose its length or girth, which may be felt through the penile skin causing pain during erection. Such changes can affect mental and emotional health. Though medications may help in the early stages, many patients ultimately require surgical correction of the deformity and even an implant in men with co-existing ED.

### Andropause

Also known as "male menopause," it is characterized by an age-related decline in testosterone leading to symptoms like low energy, depression or sadness, decreased motivation, low self-confidence, difficulty concentrating, insomnia, increased body fat, and reduced muscle mass, decreased bone density, erectile dysfunction, and reduced libido.

A simple blood test can determine testosterone levels (normal range 300ngdl to 1100 ng/dl). A level below this particularly if associated with the above symptoms requires evaluation and treatment. Making healthier life choices (diet, exercise, sleep & stress reduction) can help. Some men may require hormone replacement therapy.

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# Dilapidated is an understatement, this is a house in ruins

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"One or two workers from the BBMP visit these quarters on alternate days but they did nothing to clear the weeds all these months," said a police constable on the condition of anonymity.

It may be recalled that the then Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner ordered a survey of old buildings in the city to identify weaker ones when Bengaluru witnessed five building collapses in 2022. The BBMP itself demolished one old building at Halasur. However, no one has taken measures to renovate or demolish the police quarters that are in a state of complete disrepair.

"There is no shortage of water but we are worried about our safety. If higher authorities engage workers to clear weeds and make the terrace water proof to avoid leakage of water during the monsoon," said a police constable.

The residents said there are a lot of

**"It would be a great relief for us if the authorities or the BBMP Solid Waste Management send a few workers to clear weeds and keep surroundings clean**

mosquitoes due to weeds and an unhygienic atmosphere around the police quarters. "It will be a great relief and help for us if the authorities or the BBMP Solid Waste Management send a few workers to clear weeds and keep surroundings clean," said a police constable.

When contacted, a Sub-Inspector of Halasuru Police Station said that he has already sent a proposal to higher authorities to demolish the old structures. "The Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation Limited will take up demolition of the old structures and construct residential quarters for police families," the Sub-Inspector said.

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I,** Janardhana Gowda Krishnappa Gowda @ Jananardhanagowda Mandur KrishnappaGowda, R/at MJG Arcade, Mandur Main Road, Opposite to Veterinary Hospital, Bidarahalli Hobli, Mandur, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my name from Janardhana Gowda Krishnappa Gowda @ Jananardhanagowda Mandur Krisnappa Gowda to Janardhan Gowda, vide affidavit dated 09-09-2024 before Notary SIVAKUMARA M.N Bengaluru.

**I** Manju.N R/a No.77, Mahanthalingapura, Jigani Hobali, Bangalore South District- 560083. Have Changed Our minor Son's Name From JESHTA.M To JESHTA.M GOWDA And With Respect To The Mistake In Birth Certificate That In The Coloum Of Sex Mentioned Female Instead Of Male . Vide Affidavit Date: 5.09.2024. Sworn Before Notary: Ravikumar.V.

**I,** Vijayalakshmi residing at No.131, Sampoorna-3, Flat No.7-8, 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560003. Have Changed To VIJAYALAKSHMI NATARAJAMANI. Vide Afft Dt: 13.09.2024. Sworn Before Notary: Devaraja.E.

**I,** Mohammed Althaf Khizer Pasha, R/at No.7/5. 1st Cross, Padarayanapura Bangalore-560026 have changed my name to ALTAF PASHA, vide affidavit dt: 13.09.2024 before notary V. Rajashekhara, B.lore.

**I,** BINDU Janardhan, M/o Manish Janardhan, R/at MJG Arcade, Mandur Main Road, Opposite to Veterinary Hospital, Bidarahalli Hobli, Mandur, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my son's name from Manish Janardhan to Manish Janardhan Gowda, vide affidavit dated 10-09-2024 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bengaluru.

**I,** PUNDIT JYOTI CHAVAN, Residing at Flat #404, Megas Rajarajeshwari Bliss, 4th Main, BHEL Layout Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098, have changed my name to JYOTI RAVINDRA LAMANI, vide affidavit dated 13/09/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bengaluru.

**I,** Aqhilla Khanum W/O, Mohammed Noorullah R/o Bylnarasapura (village), Hoskote (taluk), Bangalore (dist) Pin - 562122 have changed my name to Akeela Khanum for all purposes.

**I,** SHABEENA TAJ W/o Sayed Ibrahim R/o No:- 436 Hazrath Manik Sha Dargha Compound Avenue Road Bangalore 560002 have changed my name to Shaheen Taj for all purposes

**I,** Rajashekar Venkatesh Naik S/o Venkatesh Naik R/o No. 5/34, Arkera, Devadurga, Raichur KA-584111 have changed my name to Rajashekhar for all Purposes

**I** Ananthaiah Nagaraj Ananthnag S/O, Nagaraj K A R/o No 61, Pratham Aravindam,1st Main Road, Bikasipura-560078 have changed my name to Arsikere Nagaraj Ananthnag.

**I,** KARUNANIDHI S/o Nanjappa Chettiar Devaraj R/o, 337, 1st D Cross, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560095 have changed my name to KARUNANIDHI DEVARAJ (D KARUNANIDHI) affidavit Dt.13/09/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

**I,** JAYANTHI SHET, Residing at No. 519/A 10th Main 2nd Cross, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560050, have changed my name to JAYANTHI R, vide affidavit dated 13/09/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bengaluru.

**I,** SARAVAN, Residing at No. 534/13, 64th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010, have changed my name to SARAVANA, vide affidavit dated 13/09/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bengaluru.

**I,** Abhishek Dharmendrakumar Thakkar R/o B-401, BM Homes, 4th Floor, Thubarahalli, Bengaluru 560066 have changed my name to Abhishek Dharmendrabhai Thakkar Affidavit Dt.13/09/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

**I,** BINDU Srinivas, R/at MJG Arcade, Mandur Main Road, Opposite to Veterinary Hospital, Bidarahalli Hobli, Mandur, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my name from Bindu Srinivas to Bindu Janardhan, vide affidavit dated 10-09-2024 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bengaluru.

**I,** Gayathri Devi Gurumurthaiah Nagaraja W/o Nagendra Nath Narayana Setty R/a at 252, Aralegudi, Bhasyam Road, Cottonpet, Bangalore 560053. Changed my name to Gayathri Nagendra Nath. Vide Affidavit dated 12/09/2024 Sworn before notary V Rangaramu Bangalore

**I,** BINDU Janardhan, M/o Vihana Janardhan, R/at MJG Arcade, Mandur Main Road, Opposite to Veterinary Hospital, Bidarahalli Hobli, Mandur, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my daughter's name from Vihana Janardhan to Vihana Janardhan Gowda, vide affidavit dated 10-09-2024 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bengaluru.

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# Action-packed ride

**RONNY**
2.5 RATING
- **DIRECTOR** Gurutej Shetty
- **ACTORS** Kiran Raj, Radhya, Sameeksha, Apurva, Ravi Shankar, Ugram Manju, Yash Shetty, B Suresha
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 148 minutes

Gurutej Shetty, who had directed Nannedeya Haadu in association with Guruvendra, and directed Baddies independently, has selected an oft-repeated script for his third movie Ronny. There are many Kannada movies based on the concept of a soft-spoken and obedient boy becoming aggressive and vociferous. Gurutej Shetty, during an interaction with media, claimed that he had refined the script of the movie 17 times but failed to project Kiran Raj, who is known for tele serial Kannadati, as a mass hero.

The movie begins with Kaali (Ravi Shankar), an underworld don, engaging a director (Sujay Shastry) to make a movie on his life. Later the director introduces Raghava (Kiran Raj), an aspiring actor who works hard to realise his dream. Raghava then joins a film institute where Anjali (Radhya) is a student. Both become close but Kaali's son Gowli enters the scene and creates a rift between them. Raghava has to kill Gowli and go to jail. After spending five years in the prison, Raghava becomes Ronny. At this juncture, he happens to meet Suprita (Sameeksha), a fine arts student. What happens to Ronny and Suprita is what the movie Ronny is all about.

Kiran Raj has tried his best to prove his mettle as a mass hero. He is very good in action scenes but yet to become a favourite with the masses. Radhya, as an aspiring heroine who wants to utilise the available opportunity to realise her dream, has acted well. Sameeksha, as a girl from a conservative Jain family, deserves appreciation. Ravi Shankar, as usual, excels as a vicious villain. B Suresha, as a politician, and Sujaya Shastry, as a director who gives ideas to an underworld don and meets a gory end, and Guru Prasad, as a teacher at a film institute, and Apurva, as Assistant Commissioner of Police, provide good support.

All in all, the movie is worth watching if you love action-oriented movies.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

# Mouni at London Fashion Week

Actress Mouni Roy is all set to make an appearance at the prestigious London Fashion Week, 2024, and will be seen attending the ace couturier Rahul Mishra's show, showcasing his innovative and sustainable designs.

Fans of Mouni are eager to see her take on the global fashion scene, as her bold choices have often set new trends. The actress's presence at the event further solidifies her position as a fashion icon in the industry.

After Rahul's show, Mouni will continue her sartorial journey by attending a few more shows during the week. Her striking red carpet looks and casual-chic street style have always captivated her fans, making her appearances highly anticipated.

The fashion week which started on Friday will conclude on September 17. Meanwhile, Rahul made his debut in 2006 at Lakme Fashion Week with a collection using cotton handloom textiles from Kerala. He is the first Indian designer to be invited to showcase at the Haute Couture Week in Paris.

—IANS

# A lesson on drink & drive

**VIKASA PARVA**
2.5 RATING
- **DIRECTOR** Anbu Aras
- **ACTORS** Rohith Nagesh, Swathi, Ashwin Hassan, Kuri Ranga, Bala Rajwadi, Nishvika Gowda
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 136 minutes

Rohith Nagesh, who plays the lead in this film apart from having written the dialogues, script, and screenplay, deserves appreciation for selecting the much-needed subject that conveys a strong message on the ill-effects of drink and drive. Director Anbu Aras has tried his best, but it could have been a better movie if he focused on exploiting the acting skills of the cast and ensured crisp screenplay.

The movie is about four middle-aged persons who give more importance to liquor than to their families. Vikas Chandra aka Vicky (Rohith Nagesh) is the leader of the group consisting of Pradeep (Ashwin Hassan), Satish (Kuri Ranga), and Rohan (Vignesh Kamath). They spend more time boozing than with their families. Pradeep's wife Niharika (Nishvika Gowda) asks her husband to join a de-addiction centre but he ends his life. Vicky, in an inebriated condition, and his wife Sharada (Swathi) go in a car to their hometown. What happens to them is what Vikasa Parva is all about.

Rohith Nagesh, who has the experience of acting in tele serials, is good with dialogue delivery. It won't be fair to expect Rohith to excel in action sequences that appear and disappear on the silver screen without any justification. Swathi, as a mother of two kids, has tried her best to look glamorous in a song. Though Nishvika Gowda only appears in a few scenes, she has acted well. Bala Rajwadi, Kuri Ranga, Ashwin Hassan have provided good support. The director should have cut the duration of a dream scene that ends up being a drag.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

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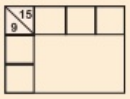
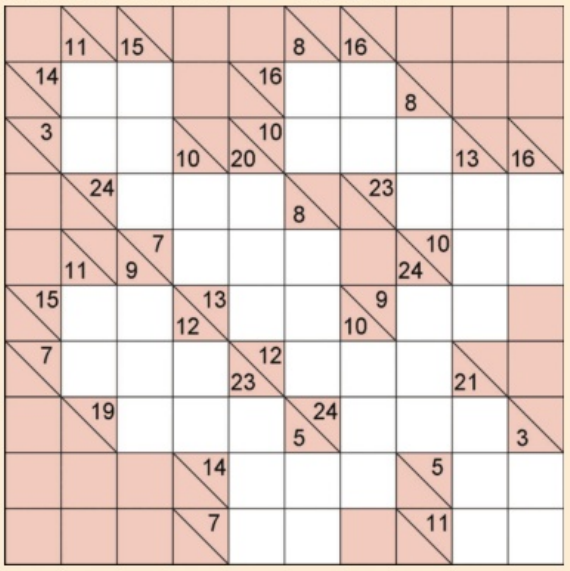
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas




for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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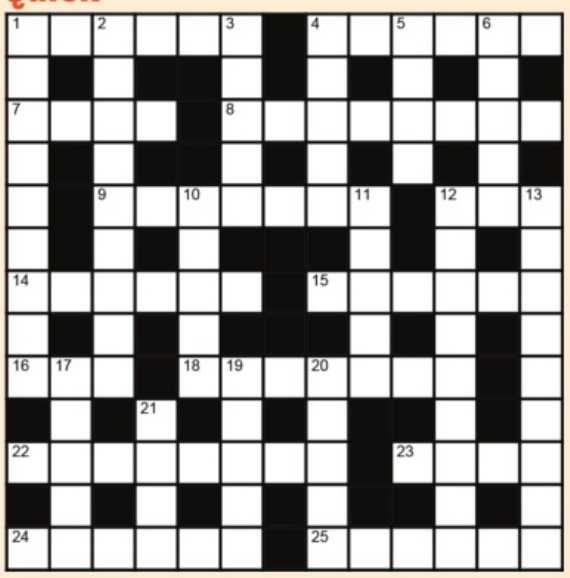


**ACROSS**

1 Special capability (6)
4 Penalise (6)
7 Part of a church (4)
8 Flavour receptor on the tongue (8)
9 Heathen (7)
12 Grow old (3)
14 Makes active or excited (6)
15 Clear part of the blood (6)
16 Expert or adept (3)
18 Guarantor; patron (7)
22 Mexican hat (8)
23 Dagger handle (4)
24 Concurs or complies with (6)
25 Hung loosely (6)

**DOWN**

1 Italian restaurant (9)
2 Exhaustion, weariness (9)
3 Ice cream flavour ___-frutti (5)
4 Sheriff's men (5)
5 Negative votes (4)
6 Oscillated (5)
10 Escapes (5)
11 Sends to sleep or soothes (5)
12 Swallowing or engulfing (9)
13 Appraised, surveyed or assayed? (9)
17 Holiday spot in Karnataka (5)
19 Keep pushing (5)
20 Secluded corners (5)
21 Competent (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: X EQUALS T**

CIKKVIWF VO DVEF YVZF. VX VO ZQX MF RKQRFKDU TJAWFA JZXVD XNF OFHQZA WDIOO.

## Linemaro

Do I know you? You look a lot like my next girlfriend

## Mindchow

You are confined only by the walls you build yourself

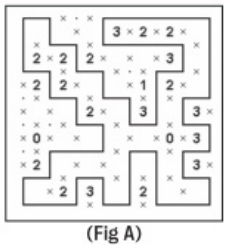
## Joke of the day

Why can't elephants go on the beach? Because they can't keep their trunks up

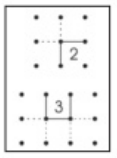
## Loop

**Rules**

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



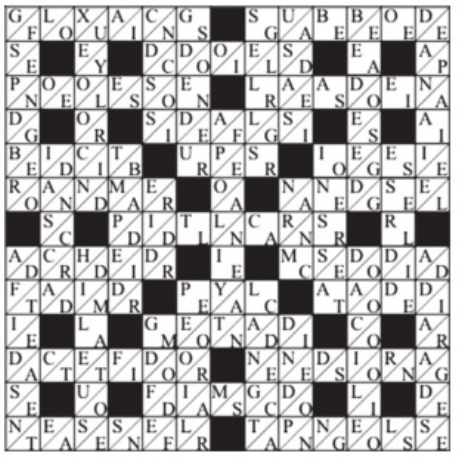
(Fig B) Not Allowed

**How to begin:**

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

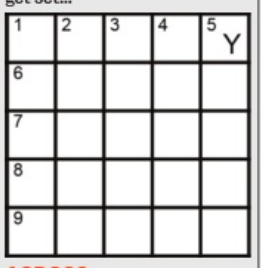
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

1 ND Day; 6 Melia (1-4); 7 Being; 8 Mud in; 9 Gusto

**DOWN**

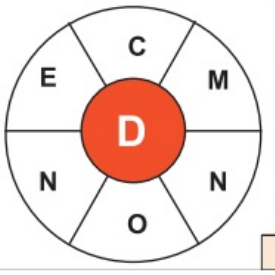
1 Budge; 2 Naomi; 3 Dun an; 4 I'd git; 5 Sly me

## Mensapuzzle

On the right are 16 letters that form a common, everyday word. Using each given letter just once, figure out what the word is

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T | S | R | O |
| I | G | D | N |
| T | E | S | S |
| H | H | E | S |

## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

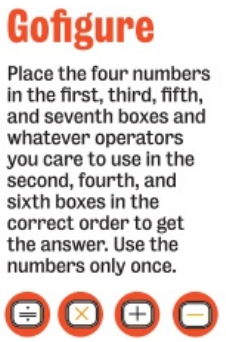
## SudokuChallenge

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | | 5 | 3 | | 7 | 6 | | 4 |
| 6 | | | 8 | | 1 | | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 4 | | | | | | 6 | 1 |
| | | 7 | 9 | | 5 | 4 | | |
| 3 | 5 | | | | | | 7 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | 2 | | 6 | | | 9 |
| 2 | | 1 | 5 | | 4 | 7 | | 8 |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 5

1 2 2 5

Medium = 11

1 2 3 5

Hard = 18

7 8 9 8

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

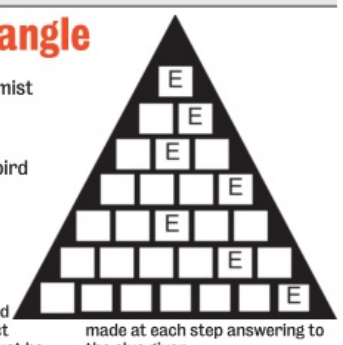
**Differences:** 1. Cap is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Foot is moved. 4. Pocket is missing. 5. Sweater is different. 6. Thumb is moved.

## Riddler

What connects Jujuy, Salta and Corrientes?

## Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Neon for the chemist
3 Perfect score
4 Poker dues
5 Representative
6 Heavily built seabird
7 Ship's cargo




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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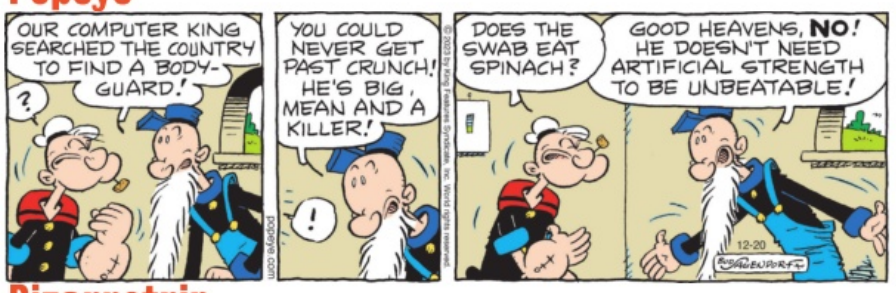
## Popeye


OUR COMPUTER KING SEARCHED THE COUNTRY TO FIND A BODY-GUARD!
?
YOU COULD NEVER GET PAST CRUNCH! HE'S BIG, MEAN AND A KILLER!
!
DOES THE SWAB EAT SPINACH?
GOOD HEAVENS, NO! HE DOESN'T NEED ARTIFICIAL STRENGTH TO BE UNBEATABLE!
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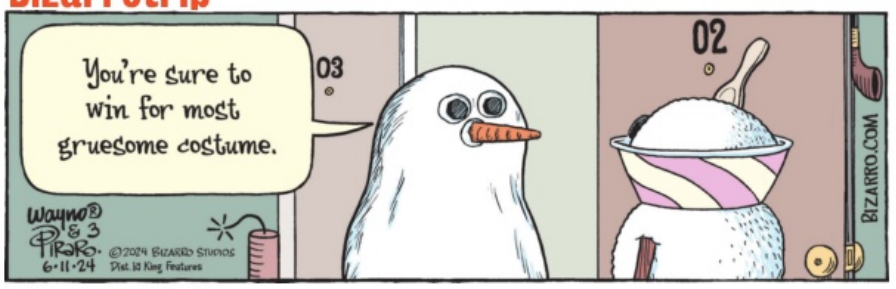
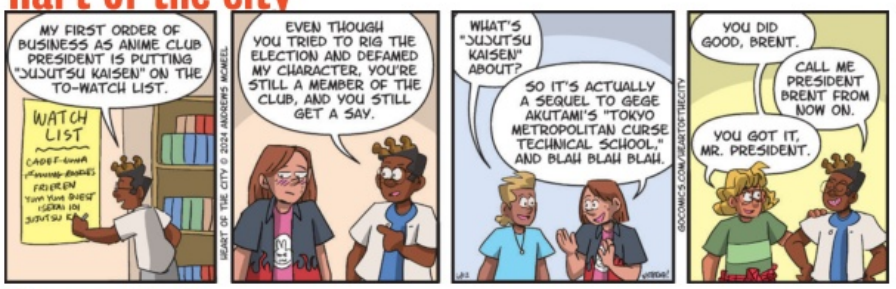
BUSHMILLER

## Bizarrotrip




## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city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WATCH LIST
EVEN THOUGH YOU TRIED TO RIG THE ELECTION AND DEFAMED MY CHARACTER, YOU'RE STILL A MEMBER OF THE CLUB, AND YOU STILL GET A SAY.
WHAT'S "JUJUTSU KAISEN" ABOUT?
SO IT'S ACTUALLY A SEQUEL TO GEGE AKUTAMI'S "TOKYO METROPOLITAN CURSE TECHNICAL SCHOOL," AND BLAH BLAH BLAH.
YOU DID GOOD, BRENT.
CALL ME PRESIDENT BRENT FROM NOW ON.
YOU GOT IT, MR. PRESIDENT.
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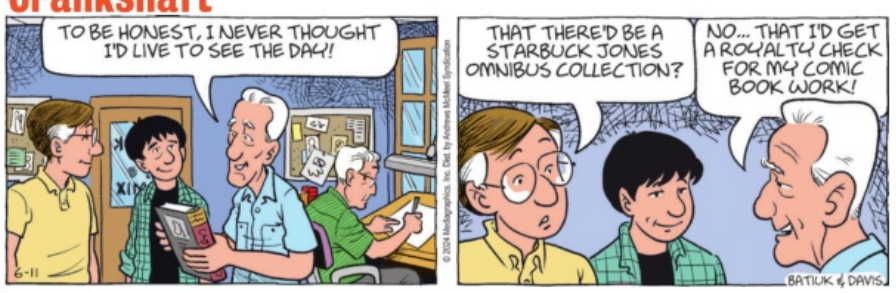
## Crankshaft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NO... THAT I'D GET A ROYALTY CHECK FOR MY COMIC BOOK WORK!
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## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be disappointed. You are not focused, and negative thoughts may make you upset. You are advised to connect with positive people. You may plan to migrate from one place to another. Job seekers may find a new job. Students are advised to keep patience. Singles will likely find a good match.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are more energetic and excited. Your focus on your goals might be very good. Your network may help you grow your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. The emotional relationship with your spouse is likely to be improved, which will maintain domestic harmony. Singles may find their soulmate with the help of siblings or friends.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today is mixed. For the last couple of days, you may be busy with family and friends; you may plan to go for outings. Kids' health may make you upset; their education may also keep you busy. You are advised to keep control of your harsh speech and ego; otherwise, it may affect your domestic harmony.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are advised to be careful when signing contracts. Due to overexcitement, you can make silly mistakes, so you are advised to read documents carefully before signing an important document. Your boss may be cooperative now. You are likely to expect to get a promotion in terms of the job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussing family matters.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull. It will make you impatient and nervous; you will criticise yourself. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals. You shall avoid fantasy in efforts in terms of your profession. You shall postpone making new investments. You are advised to take care of your mother and elders.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a favourable day for you. You are likely to get some inherited property. Losses are likely to convert into profits now. You may also expect to recover bad debt, which may boost your financial health. There may be some improvement in your relationships with the loved ones. Students will be able to choose the right career.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy at work. You may take some important decisions in terms of work, which may increase in your business. You may also expect a big order, which may bring a positive increase in the business. Disputes with the spouse will be settled now, which may create family harmony.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by elders. You may be more spiritual, so you are likely to visit some religious place with family and friends. You will also plan to visit some of your elders or consultants for advice. Singles will likely find their soulmate. Lovebirds will be happy in their dating phase.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull. You may have some mysterious fear around you, so you are advised to visit some religious place or chant some prayers to come out of this messy situation. You are also advised to keep an eye on opponents and business rivals; otherwise, you may be a victim of a conspiracy. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making unnecessary arguments.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with family and friends. You may plan to go to a party or watch movies. Mutual respect may arise between couples, which may set a strong foundation for your domestic life. In partnerships, many disputes may be resolved. Students are advised to make quick decisions in terms of their career. Lovebirds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may perform well at work. Your bonding with the boss is likely to be improved. Your opponents and rivals are now under control. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may increase your liquidity in the business.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy with kids' issues; their health is likely to be improved now, and you may plan for their academics. Couples may welcome a new child into the family. You may use your presence of mind to settle the disputes in terms of business and social life.

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**SOLVE IN 1M**
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**BULL'S EYE**
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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
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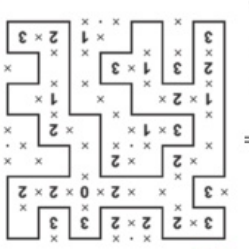
**LOOP**



**GO FIGURE**
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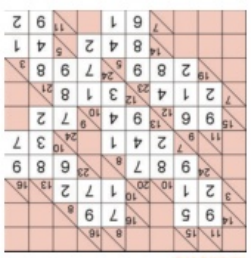
Medium
3 + 2 + 5 + 1 = 11
Hard
8 + 9 – 7 + 8 = 18

**KAKURO**



**QUOTE UNCODE**
Marriage is like wine. It is not be properly judged until the second glass.

**RIDDLER**
They are all provinces of Argentina.

**MENSA PUZZLE**
shortsightedness

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